

1 **E2SSB 6291** - H AMD to Striking Amendment H4531.2
2 By Representatives Chandler and Pruitt

3 On page 16, after line 11, add the following to amend
4 Section 21:

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6 "(c) The water rights programs review task force will
7 conduct a study to determine potential savings and efficiencies
8 attainable by integrating all water resource data management
9 functions among natural resource management agencies into a
10 single data management system compared with the savings and
11 efficiencies currently realized by each natural resource
12 management agency maintaining independent water resource
13 information. In reviewing this matter, the task force will work
14 with the natural resource management agencies to determine the
15 nature and extent of each natural resource management agency's:

16 (i) Existing water resource data;

17 (ii) Existing water resource data management system or
18 systems;

19 (iii) Dependence on water resource data to fulfill agency
20 responsibilities;

21 (iv) Types of water resource data unique to that agency;

22 (v) Types of water resource data common to all natural
23 resource agencies;

24 (vi) Method of managing water resources information,
25 including an assessment of the compatibility of information
26 management systems between natural resource management
27 agencies, and the obstacles inhibiting integration and
28 subsequent free exchange of water resource data between
29 natural resource management agencies;

1 (vii) Biennial cost of acquiring and maintaining each type
2 of water resource data used by the agency.

3 For the purposes of this section, a "natural resource
4 management agency" includes any of the following state agencies:
5 department of ecology, department of natural resources,
6 department of fish and wildlife, department of health.

7 The report shall be presented to the legislature on or
8 before December 1, 1994."

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11 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct
12 any internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Instructs the water rights programs review task force to conduct a study comparing the effects of consolidating all state natural resource agency water resource data management activities with the current system of agency water resource data independence. Lists seven categories of data to be collected. State natural resource agencies include ecology, natural resources, fish and wildlife, and health. Instructs that the report be presented to the legislature on or before December 1, 1994.